

II. CLAIMS

1 - 10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) A portable telephone comprising:

a first body portion comprising first and second grooves, a keypad, and a second body portion comprising first and second runners, the first and second runners being positioned in the first and second grooves respectively to allow the second body portion to slide longitudinally relative to the first body portion between a closed position in which the keypad is concealed and an open position in which the keypad is exposed, the first body portion further comprising a first detent located in the first groove, and the second body portion further comprising a first recess in the first runner to hold the second body portion relative to the first body portion when the first recess coincides with the first detent.

12. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone as claimed in claim 11, wherein the first recess is positioned in the first runner to coincide with the first detent when the second body portion is in the closed position.

13. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone as claimed in claim 11, wherein the first recess is positioned in the first runner to coincide with the first detent when the second body portion is in the open position.

14. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone as claimed in claim 11, wherein the first recess is positioned in the first runner to coincide with the first detent when the second body portion is in a position intermediate the open and closed positions.

15. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone as claimed in claim 12, wherein the second body portion further comprises a second recess in the first runner to hold the second body portion relative to the first body portion when the second recess coincides with the first detent.

16. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone as claimed in claim 15, wherein the second recess is positioned in the first runner to coincide with the first detent when the second body portion is in the open position.

17. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone as claimed in claim 15, wherein the second body portion further comprises a third recess in the first runner to hold the second body portion relative to the first body portion when the third recess coincides with the first detent.

18. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone as claimed in claim 17, wherein the third recess is positioned in the first runner to coincide with the first detent when the second body portion is in a position intermediate the open and closed positions.

19. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone as claimed in claim 18, wherein the first body portion further comprises a second detent located in the second groove, and the second body portion further comprises a fourth recess in the second runner to hold the second body portion relative to the first body portion when the fourth recess coincides with the second detent.

20. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone as claimed is claim 19, wherein the fourth recess is positioned in the second runner to coincide with the second detent when the second body portion is in the closed position.

21. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone as claimed in claim 19, wherein the fourth recess is positioned in the second runner to coincide with the second detent when the second body portion is in the open position.

22. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone as claimed in claim 21, wherein the first and second detents are spring loaded.

23. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone as claimed in claim 21, wherein the first and second detents extend through first and second apertures in the first and second grooves.

24. (Previously Presented) The portable telephone as claimed in claim 21, wherein the recesses have cammed edges.

25. (New) A portable telephone comprising:

a first body portion comprising first and second grooves, the first body portion further comprising a first detent located in the first groove and the second groove having a second detent;

a keypad; and

a second body portion comprising first and second runners, the first and second runners being positioned in the first and second grooves respectively to allow the second body portion to slide longitudinally relative to the first body portion between a closed position in which the keypad is concealed and an open position in which the keypad is exposed;

the second body portion further comprising:

a first recess in the first runner to hold the second body portion relative to the first body portion when the first recess coincides with the first detent, the first recess being positioned in the first runner to coincide with the first detent when the second body portion is in the closed position;

a second recess in the first runner to hold the second body portion relative to the first body portion when the second recess coincides with the first detent;

a third recess in the first runner to hold the second body portion relative to the first body portion when the third recess coincides with the first detent, the third recess

positioned in the first runner to coincide with the first detent when the second body portion is in a position intermediate to the open and closed positions;

a fourth recess in the second runner to hold the second body portion relative to the first body portion when the fourth recess coincides with the second detent.

26. (New) The portable telephone as claimed is claim 25, wherein the fourth recess is positioned in the second runner to coincide with the second detent when the second body portion is in the closed position.

27. (New) The portable telephone as claimed in claim 25, wherein the fourth recess is positioned in the second runner to coincide with the second detent when the second body portion is in the open position.

28. (New) The portable telephone as claimed in claim 27, wherein the first and second detents are spring loaded.

29. (New) The portable telephone as claimed in claim 27, wherein the first and second detents extend through first and second apertures in the first and second grooves.

30. (New) The portable telephone as claimed in claim 27, wherein the recesses have cammed edges.

31. (New) A portable telephone comprising:

a first body portion comprising first and second grooves, the first body portion further comprising a first detent located in the first groove, and the second body portion further comprising a first recess in the first runner to hold the second body portion relative to the first body portion when the first recess coincides with the first detent, the first recess being positioned in the first runner to coincide with the first detent when the second body portion is in the closed position;

a keypad; and

a second body portion comprising:

first and second runners, the first and second runners being positioned in the first and second grooves respectively to allow the second body portion to slide longitudinally relative to the first body portion between a closed position in which the keypad is concealed and an open position in which the keypad is exposed;

a second recess in the first runner to hold the second body portion relative to the first body portion when the second recess coincides with the first detent, the second recess being positioned in the first runner to coincide with the first detent when the second body portion is in the open position.

32. (New) The portable telephone as claimed in claim 31, wherein the second body portion further comprises a third recess in the first runner to hold the second body portion relative to the first body portion when the third recess coincides with the first detent.

33. (New) The portable telephone as claimed in claim 32, wherein the third recess is positioned in the first runner to coincide with the first detent when the second body portion is in a position intermediate the open and closed positions.

34. (New) The portable telephone as claimed in claim 33, wherein the first body portion further comprises a second detent located in the second groove, and the second body portion further comprises a fourth recess in the second runner to hold the second body portion relative to the first body portion when the fourth recess coincides with the second detent.

35. (New) The portable telephone as claimed is claim 34, wherein the fourth recess is positioned in the second runner to coincide with the second detent when the second body portion is in the closed position.

36. (New) The portable telephone as claimed in claim 34, wherein the fourth recess is positioned in the second runner to coincide with the second detent when the second body portion is in the open position.

37. (New) The portable telephone as claimed in claim 36, wherein the first and second detents are spring loaded.

38. (New) The portable telephone as claimed in claim 36, wherein the first and second detents extend through first and second apertures in the first and second grooves.

39. (New) The portable telephone as claimed in claim 36, wherein the recesses have cammed edges.